THE LACLEDE BLADE

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The Forcible Impress of War

The vast influence of the European war in the development of American industry is convincingly protrayed in an article by Edward Mott Woolly in the current number of Everybody's. While the author studiously avoids anything that savors of partisan politics, the array of facts presented leaves no room for doubt that because the European war is a more invincible bar to imports from Europe than any protective tariff could be, it has started American factories and given employment to American labor in enterprises heretofore filling the pockets of workmen abroad. Beginning with dyes and ending with dolls, the writer enumerates a long list of articles such as manganese, pottery, glass, creosote, potash, mineral waters, lenses for pocke' flash lights, silver fluted glass, spectacles, rubber hose, cutlery, crockery, porcelain, paper novelties and toys, which we formerly imported in large quantities but which America is now making for her home markets or finding substitutes. Not only that but the American products are supplying South America markets, where imports from Europe have been cut off. The extent to which home producers are profiting by the exclusion of foreign made block to the democratic advocates of increased importations under low tariff or free trade, but facts are facts, though only a war could forcefully impress them upon some American minds. Yet, it is true, as Wooley says, "we haven't conquered much of anything in the aggregate, though many things in units We are just beginning to fight." The real battle will be fought in November 1916, when the American people will decide at the ballot box whether they will retain the advantages they have gained, by enacting a tariff law that will keep out foreign products after the war is over.

Farmers' Short Course

Is this county going to have a five-day farmers' short course this fall or winter? The Missouri college of agriculture has the men ready to give the work and dates are being assigned as fast as the applications go in. It is strictly a game of "first come, first served." According to A. J. Meyer, in charge of agricultural extension at the college of agriculture, the calls are going in earlier that usual, making it necessary for communities that want these five-day practical farmers' courses to speak up promptly. Present indications are that every date will be taken by September 1.

Five-day farmers' courses have been given by the Missouri college of agriculture for the last three years. They have met a demand and satisfied it. They have come to stay. One course in a community is the signal for another.

If this county wants one or more of these courses, it will find the Missouri college of agriculture ready to come more than halfway. The college will furnish the men if the community will provide their hotel and traveling expenses. That sounds like a fair division of responsibility, does it not? It costs the college two dollars for every one it costs the community. Thirty short courses are all that can be held this winter. It is up to this held this winter. It is up to this attorney at Law and Notary Public county to share in the benefits of Willprostice in all courts. Special attention the world.

About County Officials

In speaking of the departure of Judge A. L. Pratt for St. Paul, Minn., last Sunday, the Bulletin

Before returning home Judge Pratt will probably visit Judge Ell-Torrance who resides in the nearby city of Minneapolis and who is at time the only former probate judge of Linn county living. And, by the way, this causes us to drift into a somewhat reminiscent mood and recall the fact that when Judge Pratt was first initiated into the probate office, only about 12 years ago, there were 6 ex-probate judges of Linn county then living. They were: Judge W. H. Brownlee, Col. Geo. W. Stephens, Judge Ell Torrance, Judge J. D. Shiflett, Judge E. W. Wilcox and Judge R. M. Tunnell. And this calls up a fact which is without a parallel in the official record of any county in the state, and it is this: Of the entire line of men who have served Linn county in the capacity of circuit clerk since Jan. 1, 1871, all are living and in the enjoyment of good health. They are seven in number and their names and the number of years they have served respectively in that office are as follows: Col. F. W. Powers, beginning Jan. 1, 1871, served 20 years; Judge A. L. Pratt served 4 years; J. A. Neal served 8 years; J. M. Black served 4 years; J. N. Wilson served 4 years; J. D. Mc-Leod served 4 years; H. H. Lamb is the present incumbent. .

And, we are glad to add, that all of these gentlemen with perhaps one exception are citizens of Linn goods will be a serious stumbling county. Is there a county in the state that can show a longer unbroken line of public servants in any single office?

Weather Forecast

For the week beginning Wednesday, July 14. Issued by the United States weather bureau, Washington, D. C., for district No. Four.

Scattered thundershowers and moderately warm weather during the next two days will be followed by a change to considerably cooler weather during the sixteenth and seventeenth and fair weather thereafter.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the co-partnership estate of Moberly Brothers. Charles C. Moberly, de-ceased, that I. J. W. Moberly, surviving part-ner and administrator of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Linn county. State of Missouri, to be held at Linneus, on the 9th day. August, 1915, J. W. MOBERLY.

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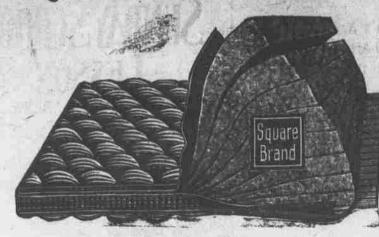
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